

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 200, “Licensure of Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants,” Chapter 202, “Discipline for Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants,” Chapter 203, “Continuing Education for Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants,” Chapter 207, “Continuing Education for Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants,” and Chapter 209, “Discipline for Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These proposed amendments will add requirements for foreign-trained physical therapist assistants, update continuing education requirements for physical and occupational therapy licensure and amend language in the physical and occupational therapy discipline chapters to be consistent with the Iowa Code.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments no later than November 9, 2010, addressed to Judy Manning, Professional Licensure Division, Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075; E-mail jmanning@idph.state.ia.us.

A public hearing will be held on November 9, 2010, from 8 to 8:30 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 21, 147, 148A, 148B and 272C.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **200.5(2)“a”** as follows:

a. Submit an English translation and an equivalency evaluation of their educational credentials through the following organization: Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy, Inc., 124 West Street South, Third Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone (703)684-8406; Web site www.fcpt.org. The credentials of a foreign-educated physical therapist or foreign-educated physical therapist assistant licensure ~~applicants~~ applicant should be evaluated using the version of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Coursework Evaluation Tool (CWT) that covers the date the applicant graduated from the applicant’s respective physical ~~therapy~~ therapist or physical therapist assistant education program. A credentialing agency should use the version for the CWT that coincides with the professional educational criteria that were in effect on the date the applicant graduated from the applicant’s respective physical therapy education program. This same process should be used for first-time licensees and for those seeking licensure through endorsement. The professional curriculum must be equivalent to the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education standards. An applicant shall bear the expense of the curriculum evaluation.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 202.2(11) as follows:

202.2(11) Conviction of a ~~felony~~ crime related to the profession or occupation of the licensee or the conviction of any ~~felony~~ crime that would affect the licensee’s ability to practice physical therapy. A copy of the record of conviction or plea of guilty shall be conclusive evidence.

ITEM 3. Amend paragraphs **203.2(1)“a”** and **“b”** as follows:

a. Requirements for physical therapist licensees. Each biennium, each person who is licensed to practice as a physical therapist in this state shall be required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of continuing education approved by the board; a minimum of 20 hours shall be clinical in nature.

b. Requirements for physical therapist assistant licensees. Each biennium, each person who is licensed to practice as a physical therapist assistant in this state shall be required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education approved by the board; a minimum of 10 hours shall be clinical in nature.

ITEM 4. Rescind subrule 203.3(2) and adopt the following **new** subrule in lieu thereof:

203.3(2) Specific criteria.

a. Licensees may obtain continuing education hours of credit by attending workshops, conferences, symposiums, electronically transmitted, live interactive conferences, and academic courses which relate directly to the professional competency of the licensee. Official transcripts indicating successful completion of academic courses which apply to the field of physical therapy will be necessary in order to receive the following continuing education credits:

1 academic semester hour = 15 continuing education hours of credit

1 academic trimester hour = 12 continuing education hours of credit

1 academic quarter hour = 10 continuing education hours of credit

b. Licensees may obtain continuing education hours of credit by teaching in an approved college, university, or graduate school. The licensee may receive credit on a one-time basis for the first offering of a course.

c. Continuing education hours of credit may be granted for any of the following activities not to exceed a maximum combined total of 20 hours for a physical therapist licensee and 10 hours for a physical therapist assistant licensee:

(1) Presenting professional programs which meet the criteria listed in this rule. Two hours of credit will be awarded for each hour of presentation. A course schedule or brochure must be maintained for audit.

(2) Authoring research or other activities, the results of which are published in a recognized professional publication. The licensee shall receive 5 hours of credit per page.

(3) Viewing videotaped presentations and electronically transmitted material that have a postcourse test if the following criteria are met:

1. There is a sponsoring group or agency;

2. There is a facilitator or program official present;

3. The program official is not the only attendee; and

4. The program meets all the criteria specified in this rule.

(4) Participating in home study courses that have a certificate of completion and a postcourse test.

(5) Participating in courses that have business-related topics: marketing, time management, government regulations, and other like topics.

(6) Participating in courses that have personal skills topics: career burnout, communication skills, human relations, and other like topics.

(7) Participating in courses that have general health topics: clinical research, CPR, child abuse reporting, and other like topics.

ITEM 5. Amend paragraphs **207.2(1)“a”** and **“b”** as follows:

a. Requirements for occupational therapist licensees. Each biennium, each person who is licensed to practice as an occupational therapist in this state shall be required to complete a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education approved by the board; a minimum of 15 hours shall be clinical in nature.

b. Requirements for occupational therapy assistant licensees. Each biennium, each person who is licensed to practice as an occupational therapy assistant in this state shall be required to complete a minimum of 15 hours of continuing education approved by the board; a minimum of 8 hours shall be clinical in nature.

ITEM 6. Rescind subrule 207.3(2) and adopt the following **new** subrule in lieu thereof:

207.3(2) *Specific criteria.*

a. Licensees may obtain continuing education hours of credit by attending workshops, conferences, symposiums, electronically transmitted, live interactive conferences, and academic courses which relate directly to the professional competency of the licensee. Official transcripts indicating successful completion of academic courses which apply to the field of occupational therapy will be necessary in order to receive the following continuing education credits:

1 academic semester hour = 15 continuing education hours of credit

1 academic trimester hour = 12 continuing education hours of credit

1 academic quarter hour = 10 continuing education hours of credit

b. Licensees may obtain continuing education hours of credit by teaching in an approved college, university, or graduate school. The licensee may receive credit on a one-time basis for the first offering of a course.

c. Continuing education hours of credit may be granted for any of the following activities not to exceed a maximum combined total of 15 hours for an occupational therapist licensee and 8 hours for an occupational therapy assistant licensee:

(1) Presenting professional programs which meet the criteria listed in this rule. Two hours of credit will be awarded for each hour of presentation. A course schedule or brochure must be maintained for audit.

(2) Authoring research or other activities, the results of which are published in a recognized professional publication. The licensee shall receive 5 hours of credit per page.

(3) Viewing videotaped presentations and electronically transmitted material that have a postcourse test if the following criteria are met:

1. There is a sponsoring group or agency;
2. There is a facilitator or program official present;
3. The program official is not the only attendee; and
4. The program meets all the criteria specified in this rule.

(4) Participating in home study courses that have a certificate of completion and a postcourse test.

(5) Participating in courses that have business-related topics: marketing, time management, government regulations, and other like topics.

(6) Participating in courses that have personal skills topics: career burnout, communication skills, human relations, and other like topics.

(7) Participating in courses that have general health topics: clinical research, CPR, child abuse reporting, and other like topics.

ITEM 7. Amend subrule 209.2(11) as follows:

209.2(11) Conviction of a ~~felony~~ crime related to the profession or occupation of the licensee or the conviction of any ~~felony~~ crime that would affect the licensee's ability to practice occupational therapy. A copy of the record of conviction or plea of guilty shall be conclusive evidence.